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Applicant	Project Title	Amount Awarded
Always Local	Construct a state-of-the-art 55,000 square-foot Venlo-style glass greenhouse and a 35,000 square- foot warehouse on a site in Caledonia	\$50,000
Big O' Smokehouse	Increase Utilization of Michigan-Based Products through Expansion and Productivity	\$50,000
DROUGHT	The initial project includes building renovations, site improvement and some equipment and Phase Two adding additional equipment to accelerate their growth.	\$50,000
Excel Ag Solutions	The operation will provide new services including seed corn cleaning, sizing, treatment, bagging, warehousing and distribution in a renovated warehouse in Sturgis.	\$50,000
Grayling Northern Market	The Northern Market will be a new economic engine, creating an experiential agricultural shopping destination in a prime location in Grayling.	\$250,000
Greenville Venture (Foremost)	Dairy Processing Facility to Enable Long-Term Market Access and Infrastructure for Milk Producers in Michigan	\$500,000
Hartford Farm Supply	Greater capacity and more efficient storage for apples that are grown in Southwest Michigan and the Traverse City region	\$75,000
Hausbeck Pickle	Hausbeck Pickle Standup Pouch Machine Project	\$50,000
House of Flavors	Making critical upgrades in equipment, which will expand production capacity and meet consumer demand	\$100,000
Maiden Mills	Small-scale sustainable powered grain processor providing traditionally milled high-quality flour and meal products made from Michigan-grown grain to bakeries and restaurants	\$10,000
Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA)	Expand MMPA's existing operations in Constantine, Michigan, to increase milk processing capacity by 1.3 million pounds per day	\$200,000
Michigan State University	F & A Economic Impact Analysis	\$29,000
Morgan Composting Inc	Sustainable Management of Livestock Waste Products through Innovation	\$50,000

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Peterson Farms Inc	This additional IQF processing capacity enables Peterson Farms to process greater volumes of high- quality fruit products produced by its over 850 growers, 550 of which are in Michigan.	\$150,000
Pigeon Hill	Pigeon Hill Brewing Company Production Capacity Expansion	\$50,000
Proliant Dairy of Michigan	Construction and operation of a new eight-million-pounds-per-day dairy processing facility, manufacturing cheese and whey protein powder in St. Johns, Michigan	\$250,000
Prolime Agriculture	Limestone/Gypsum Pelletizing Facility in Michigan	\$50,000
Quality Roasting	Created a joint venture that will process soybeans to produce crude soybean oil and Exceller Meal® using QRI's existing process and business model	\$75,000
Ridgeview Orchard	Purchase of two new Strauss Banner/buncher and labeling machines	\$50,000
RRR Meat	RRR Meat Processing-USDA Slaughter and Processing Facility in Grayling	\$50,000
S & F Foods	Expand production and freezer storage	\$75,000
Spartan MI	Operate an 8-million-pounds-per-day dairy (cow's milk) processing facility that will be approximately 360,000 square feet and will include cheese and whey processing	\$750,000
St. Julian	Upgrade facilities and equipment	\$125,000
Stone Crest Creamery	Artisan cheese manufacturing facility and retail shop	\$40,000
Sugar Free Specialties LLC, Dr. Johns Candies	Purchase and renovation of a facility for manufacturing and an office area	\$75,000
Vander Mill LLC	Vander Mill Packaging Retool and Brand Refresh	\$50,000
VernDale Products Inc	Building renovations necessary to continue their growth and expansion	\$100,000